

GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs. R. C. Inman, teacher in English in the Monett High School, asked for a leave of absence to begin February 1 and continue to the end of the term. In a meeting held Monday afternoon the board of education granted her request. Miss Jechenke, of St. Louis, was elected to fill the place.

Miss Jechenke has taught in the State University and in the St. Louis schools and comes well recommended.

Mrs. Inman has held her position in the Monett schools a number of years. She is not only a very efficient teacher but a woman of culture and it has been a great privilege for the young people of Monett to be under her instruction. She goes to St. Louis to be with her daughter, Miss Mary Inman and to care for her grandson, Robert Peele.

MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club met with Mrs. J. Wirt Patterson on Monday afternoon. There was a good attendance and three visitors. The sacred program was especially interesting and well selected, as follows:

"In the Cathedral," De Chaneet—Mrs. Kines.

"The Place of Pity," Wm. H. Pontiere—Miss Mertel.

Piano, "Last Hope," Gottschalk—Mrs. Patterson.

"I Come to Thee," Roma—Miss Eunice Salzer.

"Bonnie Sweet Bessie"—Miss Mae Williams.

Those present were Mesdames Branton, Sizer, Kines, Ingram, Patterson, Misses Mertel, Salzer, Marjorie Moody and Mae Williams.

The Club will meet with Mrs. Patterson on January 25. Subject, a Magazine Program.

BATTLE OF WITS MARKS

ARBITRATION HEARING

Chicago, Jan. 11.—An all-day battle of wits enlivened the western railroad arbitration proceedings here today. James M. Sheehan, attorney for the railroads, discharged a quiver full of interrogation points at a target composed of the comparative tables introduced by W. J. Lauch, a statistician.

The arrows struck several times, but Lodge insisted that the target was none the worse off thereby. The witness made many admissions calculated by Sheehan to impair the usefulness of the statistics, but Lauch clung to his basic contention, namely, that his figures proved that the whole tendency since the arbitration of 1910 was to require more work of engineers on a decreasing scale of pay.

WOULD STOP RATE INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senator La Follette introduced a resolution today to prohibit the Eastern railroads from putting into effect the increased freight rates recently granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A FAIR WARNING

One That Should Be Heeded by Monett Residents

Frequently the first sign of kidney trouble is a slight ache or pain in the loins. Neglect of this warning makes the way easy for more serious troubles—dropsy, gravel, Bright's disease. 'Tis well to pay attention to the first sign. Weak kidneys generally grow weaker and delay is often dangerous. Residents of this community place reliance in Doan's Kidney Pills. This tested remedy has been used in kidney trouble over 50 years—is recommended all over the civilized world. Read the following Monett proof:

Mrs. John Suttles, 410 Euclid Ave., Monett, says: "I suffered for several years from kidney complaint and inflammation of the bladder. My back ached intensely and I had nervous headaches and dizzy spells. It was also hard for me to stoop or lift. I used remedies and doctored, but found no relief until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. They made me strong and put me in good shape."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Suttles had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

Beginning Friday, January 15, and Closing Saturday January 23

Inventory has shown us where we stand. We have enjoyed a good season and feel that we can balance our books and our stock by putting the latter at your disposal at such generous price cuts as will make them the most attractive bargains possible to secure in town. It is our surplus stock that we want to close out and catch our balance, so to speak. It will not take long to reach this desired point, for the surplus is not large. We have given only one week to this sale.

CLOAKS

Any Coat in the store, your choice, not ours, goes for \$5.00
Ladies' and Misses Coats, 100 of them—all kinds, Plush, Arabian Lamb, Kerseys, and all the Fancy Novelties formerly \$7.50 to \$19.75 \$5.00
50 Coats former price \$5.00 to \$8.00, consisting of Caraculs, Kerseys, Zibelines, Cheviots and fancy novelties, your choice \$3.45

SHOES

Half price and less on shoes. These lots to be closed regardless of cost.
LOT 1. Consisting of Ladies' and Misses' patent leather mat top bluchers, Dongola kid lace shoes, good serviceable, solid leather shoes. Regular \$1.75 and \$2.50 shoes, your choice, per pair \$1.00
LOT 2. Consisting of patent leather button, vici kid top bluchers, gun metal button, vici kid button, solid as leather can make them. Regular \$2.45 and \$2.95 values, your choice, per pair \$1.98
LOT 3. Consisting of men's gun metal button bluchers and buns, also kid buttons and bluchers. Regular \$2.95 and \$3.45 values. Choice \$2.35

SKIRTS

50 Ladies' Skirts, all kinds, Serges, Whip Cords, Fancy Cassimers, all well made. Values up to \$7.50. Choice \$1.98

WAISTS

Women's Lingerie and Silk Waists, all the newest style collars and sleeves, former prices \$1.39, \$1.59 and \$1.89, your choice for 90c
10c Bleached Muslin, special at 8c
8 1-3c Bleached Muslin, special at 7c
7 1-2c Bleached Muslin, special at 6c
New lot Gingham, 12 1-2c values, special at 9c

BLANKETS

Extra large size all wool blankets in red, white and greys, \$6.00 values at \$3.75
Men's \$3.50 Corduroy pants \$2.25
Men's Wool Shirts, \$1.25 values90
Men's Union Made Overalls70
One big, new lot all linen Torchon lace, the yard05
Cotton Torchon lace 1 1-2 to 3 inches wide, the yard03

"Hier wird villig verkauft und Deutsch gesprochen"

Ruscha's

THE BILLS THAT ARE BILLED

News of the Week at Jefferson City
By Our Special Correspondent

Jefferson City, Jan. 11.—The bills will come in this week, in roaring tumbling torrents. It seems that the separating mills which once made Reno famous are now operating in St. Louis. So the State will be asked to apply an adhesive plaster to the back of the St. Louis matrimonial situation and Senator Conway Elder has been selected to prepare the remedy. Rumor has it that Senator John F. Morton of Ray will try to amend the State Primary law. Senator Kinney of St. Louis has been quoted as being in favor of railroad prosperity in Missouri and will introduce a bill, it is said, for increasing railroad rates, freight and passenger. And are the brewers and vendors of malt and spirituous liquors to enjoy a placid, uneventful ten weeks? Not a peaceful accord for those boys. The days are numerous and their plans are abundant. According to their own roll call they have 92 out of 142 in the House, and of the Senate's 34, nineteen are of the parched variety. And the dries of course can't be seeing double. They are planning to ring curfew on the saloon at 10 p. m. They are going to discourage early rising among barkeeps, too, by postponing the morning opening hour to six o'clock. Further, if the legislative dries have their way, the people living in dry territory will be pretty approximately dry, because they propose reducing the shipments into dry precincts to semi-total abstinence rations. While on the job the dries intend surrounding the State University and the State Normal Schools with a ten-mile zone of drouth. In academic parlance that's some Sahara for the higher education. And saloons are to be prohibited in all cities of less than 60,000 population that do not maintain a police force. So if you want to be happy just imagine how unhappy you would be if you were a brewer.

When the House, four years ago, named J. Kelly Pool of the Centralia Courier chief clerk and two years later gave the place to Omar D. Gray of the Sturgeon Leader it looked as if a line of editorial succession had been established in that office. But it hadn't. When they came to select a chief clerk this year the Representatives marched out from the luxurious, enervating atmosphere of the sanctum into the broad, breezy landscape of the real estate business. That is how they found Bob Marrs of Carthage. One could say a lot of nice things about Bob Marrs—what a devoted son he has been, what a fine unselfish

has characterized him in all the relations of life. But is with the official that the people of Missouri will have to do. So just remember this: If you come to Jefferson City this session and want to find anybody or anything, and don't know just how to go about it, drop into the Chief Clerk's office. It is as busy and office as there is here but Mr. Marrs will be at your service. He's the man who put the date in accommodating.

John M. Atkinson, chairman of the State Public Utilities Commission, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1916. But he will not walk the path alone. In other words, his ambition is not going to condemn him to solitude—not by a large and interesting assemblage. If the gentleman from Ripley will yield we'll recognize, in the order of recollection, the following: W. D. Vandiver of St. Louis; Secretary of State Roach of Jasper; Lieutenant-Governor W. R. Painter of Carroll; Judge W. W. Graves of Clay; State Insurance Commissioner Chas. T. Revelle of Bollinger. And afar to the east, where the seat of the Federal Government rocks leisurely across the horizon, may be seen Lloyd of Shelby, Russell of Mississippi, Decker of Jasper and Hensley of St. Francois—all accredited with gubernatorial intention. And the lid must not be tacked down on this aspirational casket without a mention of Col. Gardner of St. Louis. This roster is not offered either as authentic or complete, but it warrants the surmise that Mr. Atkinson is going to have considerable companionship along the way.

Public Sale

C. E. Fletcher will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, his stock, farm implements, feed, harness and household goods on Saturday, January 16. He lives on the place known as the Aunt Ellen Whaley farm located 5 miles northwest of Monett and 5 miles northeast of Peirce City. Al Hudson will be auctioneer. The ladies of the Liberty church will serve dinner.

A Times want ad will bring results.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS FOR SALE

Aroma, Dunlap and Warfield Strawberry Plants for sale. All young plants. Grown on new, rich land. All plants well rooted. Can sell 20,000 plants this spring. Order early.
Johnson & Stowe, Monett
R. F. D. 3.

SERIOUS MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT FIGURES BY MAKERS OF HOG CHOLERA REMEDY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—The attention of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture has been called to the fact that the makers of a medicine sold as a hog cholera remedy are misusing Government figures of the results obtained by Federal agents by the use of anti-hog cholera serum, as evidence of the efficacy of their medicine. In several magazines there have appeared reading notices in which there are statements that this medicine has resulted in saving many hogs from hog cholera in Pettis County, Missouri; Montgomery County, Indiana, and Dallas County, Iowa. The figures given to indicate the results are exactly those reported to the Department by its agents as showing the use and effect of anti-hog cholera serum in sick herds.

For example, the Government figures on the use of serum, which are misused in this way by the medicine concern, are as follows:

Pettis County, Mo., hogs in infected herds treated 5,904. Hogs lost 1,038. Montgomery County, Ind., number of sick hogs in infected herds treated 4,562. Hogs lost 894.

Dallas County, Iowa, number of sick hogs in infected herds treated 5,686. Hogs lost 1,998.

It is scarcely possible that any remedy could have been used on identically the same number of hogs and with exactly the same results as the anti-hog cholera serum. On this point the inspector in charge in Pettis County, Missouri, states: "As far as we are able to ascertain none of this remedy has been used in Pettis County."

Farmers and others, therefore, are warned not to confuse this "remedy" with the anti-hog cholera serum which is the one method of treatment used by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carr were called to Mendota, Ill., Wednesday morning by the news that Mr. Carr's father had died. He was 77 years old and his death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Lon Huffman, of Springfield, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bramer.

Thos. Sherden, of North Dakota, is visiting a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Baum.

Mrs. C. E. Trimble, of Peirce City, came Wednesday, to visit her sons, Albert and Elmer Trimble.

Mrs. J. F. Spilman, of Wentworth, visited her daughter, Mrs. H. P. S. Burke, Tuesday.

DAIRY INSTRUCTION

CAR AT MONETT

A Four Weeks Trip Throughout the State Over Frisco Lines

Dairy Instruction Car and free illustrated lectures on cow testing, co-operative breeding, feeding dairy cattle, growing feed for the dairy cow. To be operated in co-operation with the Missouri Agricultural College. Demonstrations in milk testing and preparing proper rations for the dairy cattle, with special reference to the cheapest and best ration for this winter, by A. J. McDowell, Dairy Agent of the Frisco Lines and J. G. Watson, Extension Dairyman for Missouri Agricultural College.

All dairymen are especially invited. The work will be thoroughly practical; such as you can profitably use on your own farm. Bring the ladies.

The dates and places of the lectures are as follows:

Seneca, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Tuesday, January 19.
Peirce City, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Wednesday, January 20.
Exeter, Mo., 2 p. m., Thursday, January 21.
Cassville, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Friday, January 22.
Purdy, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Saturday, January 23.
Monett, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Monday, January 25.
Verona, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Tuesday, January 26.
Marionville, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Wednesday, January 27.
Billings, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Thursday, January 28.
Mt. Vernon, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Friday, January 29.
Greenfield, Mo., 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., Saturday, January 30.

RAILROADS ARE BUYING

New York, Jan. 11.—Steel mills reported purchases by railroads last week of 80,000 tons of rails, 75,000 kegs of spikes, 2,400 cars, 43 locomotives and 2,000 tons of structural work. The Southern Pacific is said to have placed orders for 30,000 tons of rails and other roads are negotiating for more than 1/4 million tons. Car orders pending aggregate about 7,000. Orders were placed by several shipbuilding concerns for marine plates and in the interior structural steel work is a little more active.

The local order of Moose are having the rooms over Ruscha's store remodeled to be used by them as a lodge and club room.

Miss Margaret Callan has returned to Springfield to complete her course at the Springfield Business College.

SIGN AGREEMENT FOR PEACE ALONG MEXICAN BORDER

Scott Brings Negotiations With Villa and Carranza Commanders to Successful Conclusion

Naco, Ariz., Jan. 11.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, successfully concluded tonight negotiations for peace along the Mexican border. Both Governor Maytorena, the Villa commander, and General P. Elias Calles, commanding the Carranza troops in Naco, Sonora, have signed the agreement eliminating factional warfare along the Sonora border.

LIBERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Hawker Chitwood entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Beckett and daughters, Misses Elmer and Grace.

The Liberty Sunday school has held their election of officers and the following were elected: Will Davis, superintendent; Wilson Russell, assistant superintendent; Miss Mildred Henbest, secretary; George Mulkey, treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Davis, pianist, and W. S. Fletcher, chorister and a corp of competent teachers. We hope for a good years work and urge all those not in attendance to come next Sabbath and find their places in the different classes and from Sunday to Sunday to fill their respective places and assist in making our Sunday school a success and to exceed any year's work in the past.

Numbers of our berry growers attended the Ozark meeting last week and all should have done so if possible, as there are great benefits to be derived from them.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell and son visited Mrs. Russell's mother, Mrs. Spilman, at Wentworth, one day last week.

Abb Mulkey's condition has been worse the past few days.

Sherman Riddle, who has been teaching a music class at Arnold Chapel, closed the term with a concert last Thursday night, which was enjoyed by all those present.

Owing to the stormy weather last Sunday morning the attendance at Liberty church was not what it would have been otherwise. Rev. L. A. Smith delivered one of his impressive spiritual sermons from text and scripture lesson of the 15th Psalm, and all present felt repaid for having attended through the inclement weather. At close of services he hastened to Bethel church, southeast of Monett where he conducted funeral services at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Farris who has been sick for some time, is now well this week.

Charles Wilks, who has been near Aurora teaching a term of vocal music, returned home last Friday.

Rev. L. A. Smith will fill the pulpit for morning and evening services each second and fourth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Bandy spent Sunday afternoon the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Landon Mulkey.

The members of the Ladies Aid and their families were invited to spend Saturday evening at Mrs. R. L. Matthews' home. A pleasant social hour was had with music and singing and plenty of apples and popcorn. All had an enjoyable time.

A new piano has been installed in the church this week by its friends, assisted by the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Eliza Weldy, who has been sick for some time, does not seem to gain much strength.

Mrs. Ethel Davis visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Chitwood, Monday afternoon.

These sunshiny days our farmers are busy getting wood for next summer and winter.

SUN FLOWER.

Mrs. Richard Laverty has returned to her home at Bartlesville, Okla., after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Johnson visited relatives at Elsey the first of the week.

Mrs. Chas. Howard and little son have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Howard at Newtonia.

D. W. Clayton, of Mount Vernon, has been appointed statistician by Howard A. Gass, the incoming state superintendent of schools.

George Cope made business trip to Cassville, Wednesday.